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Dear Air Board,

I am very disappointed that the Virginia Air Board did not grant the permit to allow the Mirant Power plant to proceed with the environmental improvements that it has proposed. The delays in implementing this project are pure nonsense and are costing the taxpayers of this area too much money. It is time for the Air Board to realize that the power plant is needed and to approve the proposed changes.

I have been in the area for the past five years residing in a retirement community called Gordon House. I often suffer from shortness of breath and many of the seniors here have breathing issues related to asthma, and lung cancer. The quality of the air we breathe is a major concern for all of us. Any improvements that can be made in this area would be very beneficial and should be made as soon as possible. It is encouraging to learn that the Mirant Power plant is willing to fund the entire cost for the project, which for those of us on limited incomes is a big plus.

We all need power to keep our lives running smoothly, but for people here at Gordon House, power is essential to maintaining our health. Many individuals here have breathing machines, dialysis machines and heart monitors all dependent on the power moving through the grid. Your ridiculous proposal to close the power plant makes no sense. It will reduce the power available in the Atlantic grid and thus jeopardize the health and well being of all who reside here.

I am glad the Federal government has stepped in to prevent closure of this plant. Now it is time for you to do your job and approve the environmental changes the plant is proposing. My health and that of my friends is depending on your attention to this issue.

Thank you for your help.

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